THE WEATHER
Unsettled this afternoon with probably showers; generally fair tonight and Saturday; somewhat cooler tonight.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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"ASH CART" RULE ISSUE, MAYOR SAYS; DEFI IS VARE REPLY

Moore Asserts Gas and Taxes Will Be Problems Settled at Polls

"KENDRICK AND WATSON OR FIGHT," IS "BOSS" DICTUM

Mayor's Little Black Bag May Mean New Trip

Mayor Moore carried a black bag to his office this morning. It looked big enough to hold a batch of papers, besides a few fresh collars, a couple of shirts and a toothbrush.

"Are you going to Washington over the week-end?" he was asked.

"I can't tell about that now," he replied.

A clear-cut presentment by Mayor Moore of the big issues of the coming campaign, including his pledge to destroy contractor bossim, and a blast of defiance by Senator Vare, were important moves today in the local political war.

The Mayor asserted that one of the issues is a progressive, constructive administration, unhampered by obstructive tactics. This was regarded as a wedge pointed at the combine majority in Council, which depends for dominance on members known to be friendly to Senator Penrose.

Points to "High Spots."

The main points in the campaign, which will reach the highest point of its arc at the primary election, September 20, were outlined by the Mayor just before he went into conference with his "war board."

The conferees included Franklin Spencer Edmonds, representing the Voters League; Harry J. Trainer and Joseph C. Trainer, Purchasing Agent Acker, Andrew Froesch, leader of the Forty-second ward; Councilman Patton and David T. Hart, leader of the Twenty-third ward.

The conference was in session about twenty minutes when Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus, vice chairman of the Republican City Committee, and Mrs. John Wanamaker, 3d, assistant secretary of the committee, reached the Mayor's office.

These two leaders of the Republican women of Philadelphia, voters who may play a decisive role in the Mayor's battle against the organization bosses, were at once ushered into the conference room.

Mayor Issues Statement

The statement issued by the Mayor just prior to this session follows:

"A man on a train, dropping a Philadelphia newspaper, asked his neighbor what the row was all about. Other people nearer at home who have not carefully followed the situation since the 1919 mayoralty campaign have been asking the same question. Let us elucidate:

"In that campaign a Mayor was elected against great odds on a ticket opposing what had come to be known as contractor-boss rule; a system of politics at once selfish, demoralizing and destructive.

"Elected on such a platform, the Mayor has endeavored to keep his pledge to attack and, if possible, destroy contractor-boss rule. He has been successful to the extent that the municipality has prepared to take over all of the street cleaning, which will eliminate the profitable side of contractor-boss rule, at the end of the present year, when the last profits due to an extension of contracts from October 1 will have been taken.

"Naturally those who have been profit-taking are aggrieved and do not desire the new and changed method to succeed, but the Mayor adheres to his program; that is one issue.

Hits System, Not Individuals

"It means not the humiliation of individuals, but the elimination of a system of political graft-taking that has unduly taxed the people and brought upon the city an unwarranted disgrace. The end of all this is in sight if the people rise to the importance of the situation.

"Other issues more recently injected into the situation involve better transit facilities for the people, the prevention of an increase in gas rates and property

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JERSEY PLANS FARE FIGHT

Attorney General and Utility Board Counsel Confer Secretly

With the utmost secrecy a conference is in progress in Trenton between Attorney General McCran and his corps of assistants and Edward Herrmann, counsel for the Public Utility Commission, at which a plan will be outlined to combat the move of the Public Service Railways Company in taking its fight for a ten-cent fare from the hands of the State Courts and appealing to United States District Judge Rellstab for an injunction to prevent the Utility Commission from interfering with the company's proposed charge.

It is expected a statement will be issued at the conclusion of the conference and indications are that the Attorney General's Department will fight the case through the United States Supreme Court if necessary.

Jerome T. Congleton, corporation counsel, of Newark, announced a conference of legal representatives of the State's municipalities to plan co-operation with the Attorney General and the Utility Commission in the fight.

DEATH PUZZLES DOCTORS

Miss Sara L. Caffe, Millbourne, May Have Died of Brain Fever

Sara L. Caffe, twenty years old, of Millbourne, died last night at the home of her stepbrother, Harry Herzer, 308 Woodlawn terrace, Collingswood, N. J., of an affliction physicians were unable to diagnose.

Miss Caffe was in excellent health until Sunday night, when intense pain developed in her head. The pain became gradually worse.

One theory is that the peculiar condition may have been caused by brain fever, from which she suffered in her childhood. She will be buried Sunday afternoon.

Seeks Nomination

WILLIAM W. DEISSLER
Springfield Township Justice of the Peace, who is one of two aspirants for the Republican nomination for the office of Treasurer of Springfield Township

POLICE THINK BAKER MAJOR FACTOR IN PRIEST'S MURDER

Woman and Driver of Car in Which Rector Left Home Also Sought

San Francisco, Aug. 12.—(By A. P.)—Search went forward today for two persons, a woman and a man, who are believed to know how the body of the Rev. Patrick Heslin, Catholic priest, came to its shallow grave on the desolate coast south of San Francisco late Tuesday night. The man is as yet unnamed. The woman is Dolly Mason, mentioned by William A. Hightower as having given him the information on which he based his successful search for the priest's body.

Police officers frankly said they believed that in Hightower, held in the Hall of Justice here, they had the major character in the affair, and indicated that filing of formal charges against him was imminent.

"Hightower is a cool, calculating individual," said Franklin Swart, District Attorney of San Mateo County, today. "He has an inclination to be 'smart,' and appears to think he is putting it over on us. I think we shall break him down soon."

Hightower, according to Duncan Matheson, captain of detectives, when asked why he did not first go to the police with his information about the body instead of to the residence of Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, replied that he was out after the reward that had been offered and that he believed if he went first to the police they and not he would get the money.

Captain Matheson said he did not believe Hightower was the man who called for Father Heslin and took him away under pretense that he was to visit a dying man. "We expect to locate that man and have him under arrest before Friday night," he said.

TWO MEN FATALLY SHOT WHILE RESISTING HOLD-UP

Gang of Seven Believed to Have Planned Robbery of Night Shift

Pottsville, Pa., Aug. 12.—(By A. P.)—Charles Miller and Andrew Shipke, both of Cumbola, were probably fatally injured at 11 o'clock last night, when they were held up and robbed on the road between Eagle Hill and Cumbola. The men were among two groups who were stopped by seven bandits, and they put up a fight. Miller was shot through the spinal column and Shipke has a bullet through the liver. It is believed there was a concerted plan to hold up the entire night shift of the Eagle Hill Colliery, Thursday being pay day.

Three men held up in the first group attacked were robbed of $122. Miller and Shinke, who were approached next, were shot when they resisted, and the bandits fled without taking their money.

RISK LIVES TO SAVE MEN

Officials of Bethlehem Gas Company Overcome While Assisting Employes

Allentown, Pa., Aug. 12.—John Arthur Frick, son-in-law of R. P. Linderman, former president of the Bethlehem Steel Company, had a narrow escape from death early today.

Mr. Frick is vice president and general manager of the Allentown-Bethlehem Gas Company, and he and E. J. Bradley, superintendent of the Bethlehem branch, risked their lives to aid workmen in their employ. The men were making a connection when the clothing of one of them caught in and dislodged a plug inserted into a pipe to prevent the gas from escaping. The fumes neared into the trench and the two officials rushed into it to aid the workmen. They, too, were overcome and were revived several hours after they had been taken to a hospital.

15 OVERCOME BY FUMES

Men in Brewery Narrowly Escape Fatal Suffocation

Norristown, Pa., Aug. 12.—Fifteen employes of the Adam Scheidt Brewing Company had a narrow escape from being suffocated by ammonia fumes while working in a cellar at the brewery in Norristown this morning. One of the men, Fred Behner, thought to be dead, was restored by a pulmotor and is now in the Norristown Hospital.

Otto Knapp, chief engineer at the brewery, was almost overcome in rescuing Behner. He dashed fearlessly into the cellar filled with ammonia fumes when it was found that the man was missing.

LEGION TOURISTS IN FRANCE

Former Overseas Soldiers Warmly Welcomed on Arrival in Cherbourg

Cherbourg, France, Aug. 12.—(By A. P.)—Members of the American Legion, 250 in number, headed by Major John G. Emery, commander of the organization, landed here today from the steamship George Washington. When the liner entered the roadstead at 6 o'clock the tug Avenir went alongside and took the Americans on board, later landing them at the wharf.

The Americans were received at the City Hall by the Mayor, who served lunch, and then they marched through the decorated streets to the station. Their train left at 10:40 o'clock and is due in Paris at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon.

When you think of writing, think of WRITING—Adv.

U. S. ASKS U. OF P. TO RELEASE WOOD FOR PHILIPPINE JOB

War Department Wants President-Elect to Be Governor General of Islands

HEAD OF TRUSTEES BOARD LIKELY TO CALL MEETING

Secretary Weeks, of the War Department, has telegraphed the board of trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, asking it to release Major General Leonard Wood from his promise to become president of the University.

Receipt of the wire was admitted today by Charles Custis Harrison, president of the board of trustees, but he would give no hint of the next step to be taken. The Harding Administration wants the general to accept the post of Governor General of the Philippines, but he cannot do so as long as he is bound by his word to the University. Unless, of course, the War Department makes it a positive order.

The trustees have been completely taken by surprise. It is anticipated a meeting will be called by Mr. Harrison for the near future, and as soon as the trustees can be gathered together from their various vacation haunts, the matter will be acted upon.

Washington expects the reply of the trustees to be favorable. The moment the General is released by the University he will be free to accept the post in the Islands. Nothing, however, can be definitely settled until the trustees act.

Sent for Investigation

General Wood went to the Philippines at the direction of President Harding to investigate conditions there. His investigation is not yet completed. By the time it is, it is hoped to obtain congressional action that will make it possible for him to act as Governor General without loss of his rank of major general on the active list of the army. If all goes as is expected, the General will take up his new work without returning to this country.

J. Bertram Lippincott, publisher, a prominent member of the Board of Trustees, refuses to credit reports that the General would not come to Pennsylvania. "I do not think it is possible," he said. "I think we should wait until we hear from the General."

Earlier in the day the belief that General Wood had not abandoned his plans to become head of the University of Pennsylvania was expressed to the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER in a telegram from A. R. Brunker, of Chicago, the General's business representative in this country.

Mrs. Wood also was of the opinion that her husband would come to this city immediately upon completion of his "temporary obligations" in the Philippines. She is planning to take up her residence in this city in the autumn and has instructed Mr. Brunker to obtain suitable quarters for the family pending alterations in the provost's home.

"There is only one man in this country who can clear up this situation and tell whether General Wood is to remain as Governor General of the Philippines or come to the U. of P., and

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KILLED BY ESCAPING GAS

75-Year-Old Man's Death Believed Accidental

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 12.—George B. Dougherty, seventy-five years old, living at 9 South Little Rock avenue, Ventnor City, was found dead in bed today from asphyxiation. The man lived in the rear of a small trimming store.

Alongside the bed was a gas stove with one of the cocks turned on. Dougherty's eyeglasses were found under the table on which stood the stove.

County Physician Souder said indications pointed to accidental death. "We think," he said, "Dougherty retired with his eyeglasses on his nose and, on discovering them, reached out in the darkness to place them on the table. In doing so he dropped them on the floor and in searching for them he is thought to have struck the cock with his arm, which turned it on."

SERIOUSLY HURT BY AUTO

Youth Receives Fractures of Leg and Arm, 12th and Market Sts.

Jack Pierce, Jr., nineteen years old, of Twelfth street and Moyamensing avenue, was struck by an automobile at 11 o'clock this morning when he became confused in crossing Twelfth street at Market. He was knocked down and his left leg and right arm were broken. He was taken to Jefferson Hospital.

The automobile, proceeding south on Twelfth street, was driven by John Dilnco, Fifty-second street near Washington avenue. He was arrested and will be given a hearing at Central Station.

Assailant's Victim

MARY VASSELLO
Twenty-year-old girl whose throat and wrist were cut by an unknown assailant last night

4 HURT IN CRASH OF 2 MOTORCARS

Physician's Auto in Collision With Another, Occupant Says Was on Way to Hospital.

OCCURS 7TH AND PINE STS.

Four men were injured, one of them seriously, shortly before 11 o'clock this morning, when two automobiles crashed at the corner of Seventh and Pine streets.

The injured, who were taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital, are:

Rocco Romagano, 736 Christian street, broken nose, body bruises and cuts, and possible fractured skull.

Fred Delrossi, 603 Fulton street, cuts and bruises of the head and body.

Rocco Giordano, 702 Fulton street, cuts on body.

Thomas Salvicci, 788 South Seventh street, bruises and shock.

All the injured were in the larger of the two cars. Salvicci, who was driving, and Delrossi were arrested after their injuries had been treated.

The other car was driven by Dr. F. M. Dyson, 222 St. Mark's square.

An element of mystery is added to the accident by the statement of Delrossi to the police in which he said Giordano had taken poison and that the others were taking him to the hospital. Giordano denied this.

The story of the accident as given to the police is that the larger car was coming north on Seventh street at a high rate of speed, and struck the smaller car driven by Dr. Dyson west on Pine street, overturning it, but not injuring the physician. The larger car then skidded into a telegraph pole, throwing all its occupants to the street.

Sergeant Murphy and Patrolman Moore declared they had seen the larger car pass the corner of Seventh and South streets at a terrific rate of speed.

Delrossi's story was that the car he was driving was struck by the other car and he and his friends thrown out.

The car in which the injured were riding belongs to Edward Palmer, 712 South Seventh street, who said it had been taken from a garage without his permission.

DARING AIR STUNT KILLS 2

Planes Entangled While Practicing for Fair—Pilot Injured

Mason City, Ia., Aug. 12.—(By A. P.)—Two airplanes became entangled 500 feet in the air while Ray Kock, a stunt flier, was attempting to transfer from one to the other here last night. The planes crashed to earth, killing Kock and W. W. Johnson, one of the pilots, and seriously injuring Ray McWhorters, second pilot.

The three men were practicing for an exhibition at fairs.

KILLED ON WAY TO CHURCH

Aged Woman Run Down in Atlantic City and Fatally Hurt

Atlantic City, Aug. 12.—A woman, past seventy, who, it is thought, was on her way to attend mass at St. Nicholas' Catholic Church, was run down this morning by a delivery wagon and died within a few minutes after she had been taken to the City Hospital.

Nothing was found in the clothing to give a clue to her identity, and her body is still in the hospital. Her left leg had been fractured and her body was bruised in many places. Death was due to internal injuries.

JOYRIDE THROUGH COMET DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING

It Is Not a Very Exhilarating Sport, if Reports of Earth's Passage Be True, as Nobody Noticed It

This venerable and blase world may be strictly up-to-date and wide-awake on its own current events, but it is mighty slow and ignorant on stellar happenings.

For example, it has taken us four days to realize that we have had the peculiar enjoyment of a joyride through a comet.

Joyriding through comets may be an exhilarating sport, but its sensations are evidently not very powerful.

A dispatch from an observatory near Heidelberg gave the first tip on the subject of the interplanetary roller-coasting. Said dispatch declares the earth passed through the tail of a comet August 8. It is believed the comet, whose tail got in the earth's track, is the same "bright body" seen August 7 three degrees east and one degree south of the sun.

The Rev. Walter A. Matos, a volunteer observer at the Swarthmore Observatory, and well versed in astronomical affairs, was much interested in the dispatch. He himself had not seen the phenomenon attending the joyride, but that, he said, did not mean much.

According to Dr. Matos, the only peculiarity known to him as attending such a collision of earth and comet, is a shower sometimes a heavy rain—of shooting stars.

Those shooting stars, Dr. Matos said, follow in the wake of the comet's passage, and may commence their "shooting" either from the disintegration of the comet itself, or because they are brushed aside from their customery niches in the sky by the force of this ethereal crash.

That's all—just a few measly falling stars, such as any vacation couple, looking for the Dog Star, might notice on any good, clear night. No fireworks, rumblings, lightning or stellar pyrotechnics or anything. Not a single thrill.

Such a joyride has no scheduled time, since it is not down on the regular interplanetary time-tables, but taking an average comet, and general average conditions, it might take a day, all depending on direction and such details.

A cloudy evening may have accounted for the fact that no American observatories noted the phenomenon, Dr. Matos explained. The starry visitor was first noticed August 7, just the night before the joyride, by the Lick Observatory, San Jose, Calif. Five persons took a slant at the stranger.

GIRL IS SLASHED IN REVENGE FOR FATHER'S CRIME

Mary Vassallo Attacked by Man as Result of Shooting 11 Years Ago, Police Believe

THROAT AND WRIST CUT, YOUNG WOMAN MAY DIE

Miss Mary Vassallo, twenty years old, 1433 West Mayfield street, was cut about the throat and wrist so severely that she may died, in revenge, the police believe, for a shooting of which her father was accused eleven years ago.

The attack on the girl occurred at 11:30 o'clock last night, as she was passing a vacant lot at Twenty-third and Clearfield streets on her way to her mother's home at Hemberger street and Allegheny avenue.

The girl is in the Samaritan Hospital. The right side of her neck is deeply slashed, the knife or razor with which the injury was inflicted having narrowly missed the jugular vein. Her right wrist is cut to the bone. She lost so great a quantity of blood that the physicians fear she may die. They probably will resort to a transfusion operation today in an effort to save her.

For five months the girl has been boarding at the West Mayfield street house, having told her landlady when she came that she had left home because of domestic difficulties.

Employed at Mill

For the last two nights, however, according to the landlady, Miss Vassallo had remained away from her boarding house, and is understood to have gone to her mother's home each night. The girl worked in a stocking mill near Twenty-second street and Lehigh avenue. She was quiet and industrious, the landlady said, having few friends and coming in early every evening.

Last night Miss Vassallo went to see the daughters of Thomas McIntyre, at 2355 West Clearfield street, and started for her mother's home shortly after 11 o'clock.

She was passing the vacant lot at the northwest corner of Twenty-third and Clearfield streets, she told the police afterward, when she saw a man approaching. She thought he was a Negro. The police now believe he was a very dark-skinned Italian.

As she came abreast of him the man stared at her, and then said sharply: "What are you looking at?" Without waiting for her to reply, she said, he sprang at her, driving at her throat with a razor or a very sharp knife. She threw up her right hand to ward off the blow, and felt the keen edge cut into her flesh.

Man Does Not Pursue Her

She screamed and ran, putting up her left hand and clutching at the wound in her throat to stop the flow of blood. The man did not pursue her, perhaps because her screams brought people to neighboring windows.

It was the almost instinctive clutching at the wound in her throat which saved her from bleeding to death, the surgeons said. She had run nearly a square and a half, passing her mother's house unknowingly, and her white dress was covered with blood, when she saw Howard Conlin, of 2228 West Allegheny avenue. She cried out for help and he went to her aid. A taxicab was passing, and Conlin hailed it. She was rushed to the Samaritan Hospital and put on the operating table immediately. In spite of the great loss of blood, she had not lost consciousness, and her pluck may pull her through.

The police of the Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue station are working on the theory that the attack on the girl was in payment of an old grudge. They say that eleven years ago her father, Peter Vassallo, fatally wounded a man in a fight and was sent to prison for five years. They think that the dead man's friends may have tried to take vengeance on his daughter.

The injured girl's sister, Miss Angela Vassallo, said she had been threatened with death some time ago by a Negro in the neighborhood, and she thinks Mary may have been mistaken for her. The sister said she had heard a rumor in the neighborhood that the man who attacked Mary was a Negro and accompanied by two others of his own race.

CATHOLIC PRIEST KILLED BY ITINERANT MINISTER

Shooting Follows Quarrel Over Marriage of Slayer's Daughter

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 12.—(By A. P.)—Edwin R. Stephenson, barber and itinerant preacher, who yesterday shot and killed the Very Rev. James E. Coyle, dean of North Alabama and rector of St. Paul's Church, had little to say today regarding the shooting.

"I remonstrated with him for marrying my daughter Ruth to a man against whom we had objections," said the prisoner. "I called him a 'dirty dog.' He struck me and then I shot him."

Father Coyle was shot on the porch of St. Paul's rectory and died in a hospital without regaining consciousness. Members of the priest's family saw his assailant approach the rectory, but did not hear the conversation.

Father Coyle had been rector of St. Paul's since 1904. In 1913 he was appointed irremovable pastor, and in 1915 was made dean of the North Alabama diocese. He was editor of the Catholic Monthly.

Stephenson came to Birmingham twelve years ago. He had never held a regular pastorate, his family said. He frequented the County Courthouse, where he was called the "marrying parson" because of the number of marriage ceremonies he had performed in the county building.

Stephenson is not a member of the Southern Methodist Church, the Rev. Dr. Robert Echols, presiding elder of the Birmingham district, said today. "He was formerly affiliated with the church, but was never a regularly ordained minister," said Dr. Echols. "About a year ago I became dissatisfied because of the reports that reached me of the manner in which he was hanging around the Courthouse. I remonstrated with him and he left the church and became affiliated with another."

QUICKER SCHEDULE "MEMPHIS SPECIAL," effective Aug. 14, Phila. to Memphis, Texas, Southwest via Southern Ry. 726 Real Es. Trust Bldg. Tel. Wal. 1176 Adv.

Major Warburton Named Police Commissioner Here

Mayor Appoints Wealthy Clubman to Assist in Bringing Discipline and Morale of Force to High Plane—No Salary Attached

A reorganization of the police system here "from top to bottom" was begun today by Mayor Moore with the appointment of Major Barclay H. Warburton as special police commissioner, a new and unsalaried position.

This novel departure was taken, the Mayor explained, so that the discipline and morale of the police force would be brought to a high plane and so it could be made thoroughly effective for the protection of the public.

Major Warburton, wealthy clubman and army officer, took the oath of his new position fourth before noon in the office of Director of Public Safety Cortelyou with whom he will co-operate.

"I am going to try to help Mayor Moore make Philadelphia a better place to live in," said the new Commissioner, immediately after taking the oath. He was asked when he would take up his duties.

"I am already on the job," he replied. "I am getting my instructions from Director Cortelyou now."

Won Nickname of "Greek God"

The major, whose imposing physique won him the nickname of "The Greek God" during his early manhood, was attired in a black frock coat and gray trousers, creased to a razor edge. In his coat lapel was a tiny bit of red ribbon signifying his membership in the French Legion of Honor.

Major Warburton is a son-in-law of John Wanamaker. He is not the first member of the family to be given commanding rank in a big police system. Rodman Wanamaker, Major Warburton's brother-in-law is a special deputy police commissioner of New York City.

Mrs. Barclay Warburton, the major's wife, is the leading woman political leader in Pennsylvania by virtue of her position as vice chairman of the Republican State Committee.

Mr. Warburton was born in Philadelphia April 1, 1866. His father was Charles F. Warburton, who founded the Evening Telegraph in 1864. He was prepared for college at private schools and at the Beck School at Lititz, Pa. He was a student at the University of Pennsylvania in 1883, and then entered Christ Church College, Oxford, England, where he was a student from 1885 to 1888. During his college days in England he undertook to introduce the American game of draw poker, and one of his most highly prized possessions is a large turquoise ring, surrounded by diamonds, which he won from the Duchess of Leeds.

Mr. Warburton became captain of Battery A, N. G. P., and at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War was mustered into service as captain in the United States Volunteers. He served in the Porto Rican campaign in command of a battalion of Pennsylvania artillery. He is a member of the Racquet Club, the Union League and several other social organizations in Philadelphia.

SAY SEIZED SHIP HEAD TRIED SUICIDE

Captain Nepel, of Thomaston, Found Preparing Noose in Cabin, Customs Men Assert

6 WARRANTS ARE ISSUED

Captain Louis B. Nepple, master of the British ship Thomaston, held on suspicion of being a "rum runner," is said to have attempted suicide last night in the cabin of his craft by hanging in a fit of despondency over his trouble.

Chief Special Agent Brooks, of the Treasury Department, made this statement today, after he had caused Federal warrants to be sworn out for the captain, Albert Aspenberg, chief mate and reputed owner of the Thomaston; Fred and John Aspenberg, members of the crew, Charles Nelson, ship's cook, and Maurice Hertz, Camden bottler, reputed owner of $50,000 worth of rum seized yesterday.

The warrants for the arrest of the men charge conspiracy to defraud the United States Government by violating customs laws. The men will be arraigned before United States Commissioner Morris in the Federal Building this afternoon.

Special Agent Brooks promised other warrants in a short time, some of which will involve men prominent in Philadelphia social and sporting life.

Captain Neppel, according to Agent Brooks, had threatened to kill himself, and the customs men in charge of the ship had kept a careful watch on him.

Last night one of the inspectors, whose name Special Agent Brooks did not reveal, stepped into the captain's cabin and found him in the act of preparing a noose to hang himself. The inspector's timely arrival prevented the despondent man from carrying out his threat.

The arrest of Captain Neppel, his mate and Hertz will be preliminary to wholesale arrests in Camden, Atlantic City and Philadelphia, according to Special Agent Brooks. The liquor seized yesterday in Hertz's Camden bottling establishment is supposed to be part of the Thomaston's cargo. The whisky and fine wines seized there are valued at $150,000.

Hertz, according to Special Agent Brooks, tried to bribe Customs Inspector Agney when the seizure was made yesterday.

More Seizures Coming

The seizure of the liquor stored in Hertz' bottling works in Camden, will be followed, it is said, by the

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IRISH NOTE MERELY QUESTIONS BRITISH

De Valera Gives No Decision on Peace Terms—Asks Further Information

PREMIER HASTENING HOME

By the Associated Press

Dublin, Aug. 12.—The letter from Eamon de Valera, Irish Republican leader, delivered to Premier Lloyd George yesterday, is neither an acceptance nor a rejection of the British peace proposals, it was learned here today.

The letter raises various questions to which an answer is necessary. The answer may serve to facilitate future dealings, it was said, and is not expected to lead to a break in negotiations.

London, Aug. 12.—Rumors that the reply of Eamon de Valera to the British Government's Irish peace proposals, which was received here yesterday, had produced a serious crisis in the Irish situation, were generally discredited here today. Prime Minister Lloyd George left Paris at noon for London.

It was suggested that the hurried return of the Prime Minister from Paris was prompted by a recognition of the fact that the short interval before the meeting of the Irish Republican Parliament made it desirable that Mr. de Valera have the Government's considered response as long as possible before the meeting of the Dail Eireann.

Some political correspondents surmised that Mr. Lloyd George welcomed the opportune arrival of the Irish communication as an excuse to escape from the critical atmosphere of Paris, possibly hoping that a brief interruption might relax the strain to which the relations between Great Britain and France have been subjected at the present meeting of the Supreme Allied Council.

HEY, KIDS! WATER'S FINE

First Street Shower to Be Tried Out Here Today

Youngsters of the downtown section near Randolph and Carpenter streets will enjoy the "kind of real sport" beginning at noon today and continuing throughout the hottest season, when the first public street shower bath will be opened at the above spot.

Mayor Moore will turn on "the juice" and dozens of happy youngsters will be on hand to squeal in the cooling spray.

MAN FALLS FORTY FEET THROUGH GLASS AWNING

August Lenz, a painter, 2461 Cleveland avenue, fell forty feet from the roof of the Liberty Theatre, Carlisle street and Columbia avenue, this afternoon. He crashed through a glass awning. He was injured internally and may have a fractured skull.

CUBAN LAW AIMED AT MEN DRY-GOODS CLERKS

HAVANA, Aug. 12.—Men who have been employed as clerks in Cuban dry-goods stores would be forced to seek some other means of making a livelihood if an amendment to the immigration law adopted by the Senate yesterday received approval in the Chamber of Deputies. The amendment provided that men may not be employed as clerks in shops devoted to the sale of women's articles of apparel.

16-YEAR-OLD GIRL MISSING

Mother Believes Helen Straiton Is in New York or Atlantic City

Helen Straiton, sixteen years old, 5946 Germantown avenue, ran away from home last Tuesday and no word of her whereabouts has come to her mother or family since that time. Her mother believes that she is either in New York or Atlantic City.

When last seen, Helen, who has blue eyes and dark brown hair, was dressed in a blue voile dress with a dark blue shirtwaist and wide white sash. She wore black pumps and stockings. She is five feet five inches tall and weighs 116 pounds.

WOULD ACCEPT U. S. TERMS

Hungarian Foreign Minister Urges Assembly to Act

Budapest, Aug. 12.—(By A. P.)—Unreserved acceptance of the terms of the peace resolution passed by the United States Congress early in July has been asked of the Hungarian National Assembly by M. Bauffy, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

In submitting the American peace resolution the Foreign Minister asked the National Assembly to authorize the Hungarian Government to open negotiations looking to a separate peace between this country and the United States.

SUPREME COUNCIL WILL ASK LEAGUE TO DIVIDE SILESIA

Lloyd George Rejects Briand's Proposal That United States Arbitrate

BRITISH PREMIER DEPARTS, BUT MEETINGS CONTINUE

Harvey Asserts Silesia Does Not Concern U. S.

Paris, Aug. 12.—(By A. P.)—Ambassador Harvey told the Supreme Allied Council this morning that the United States Government had thought from the beginning that the Upper Silesian question was purely a European one, and as it now was to be referred to the League of Nations, on which the United States was not represented, he thought he would be interpreting the view of his Government by not participating in the decision to refer the question to the League.

By the Associated Press

Paris, Aug. 12.—France and Great Britain have decided to refer the Upper Silesian question to the League of Nations, it was announced here today.

This question, which involves drawing a frontier between Poland and Germany in Upper Silesia, threatened yesterday to bring about a break in the meeting of the Supreme Allied Council.

Premier Lloyd George left Paris today on the regular noon train, returning to London with Sir Maurice Hankey and fifteen members of his staff, in connection with the Irish situation. It was understood the Supreme Council would continue its agenda, especially discussion of Russian relief, during his absence.

The decision to refer the Silesian question to the League of Nations was taken under the second clause of Article XI of the Versailles Treaty, together with Articles XII and XIII. These are parts of the covenant of the League of Nations, and provide for reference to that body of "any circumstance whatever affecting international relations which threatens to disturb international peace or the good understanding between nations upon which peace depends."

Premier Briand Satisfied

The suggestion that the matter be referred to the League was made by Mr. Lloyd George, and M. Briand concurred immediately.

This discussion was considered to have solved the crisis between France and England. The announcement said "certain insurmountable difficulties which had arisen between Italy, Japan and England, on one hand, and France on the other," had given rise to the solution decided upon.

M. Briand wore a satisfied air upon leaving the Hotel Crillon, and confirmed reports that a settlement had been reached. The official statement issued after today's meeting of the French Cabinet said:

"Premier Briand gave an account of the present stage of the Supreme Council's work, more especially concerning Upper Silesia. The position taken by the French delegation received the unanimous support of the Cabinet."

On the question of additional allied troops for Upper Silesia the Supreme Council adopted in principle a plan for sending reenforcements after the League of Nations has handed down its decision on the Silesian question. Britain, Italy and France each to send its share. Meanwhile, the Supreme Council is sending warning to the German and Polish Governments that order must be maintained in the disputed territory.

Allied Decision Unanimous

It was learned that Premier Briand proposed to Mr. Lloyd George this morning that the United States be asked to arbitrate the Silesian controversy, but this proposal was abandoned in favor of the British Premier's suggestion that the matter be left to the League.

"The Supreme Council has decided to refer the Upper Silesian question to the League of Nations," said Mr. Lloyd George upon leaving the council meeting shortly before noon to take his train for London. "Our decision was unanimous."

"Did Ambassador Harvey vote?" inquired a correspondent.

"I said," replied the Prime Minister, "that our decision was unanimous."

In turning over the entire Silesian question to the League, the Supreme Council has requested the League's Council "to consider the matter of the utmost urgency and to report on it at its earliest time possible."

Report On Trials at Leipzig

Just before Mr. Lloyd George left the Council, Solicitor General Pollock and Commander Talcott, the British delegates to the trials of persons accused of war crimes, which were tried by the German Court at Leipzig, appeared before the Council and presented their report, which had been communicated to Mr. Lloyd George last night.

The report stated justice had been done at the Leipzig trials as regarded the English cases, with the exception that the sentences were too lenient in one or two instances, but that justice had not been done in the French and Belgian cases.

The reports declared, however, that it appeared impossible to reopen the cases for many reasons, including the great costs, and the dropping of the matter was advocated.

The Council then requested the Allied representatives who had attended the trials to report to their own Governments concerning what attitude they judged the Allied countries should adopt toward this German Court.

TARRED AND FEATHERED

Masked Men Show Disapproval of Oklahoma Mail Clerk

El Reno, Okla., Aug. 12.—(By A. P.)—Masked men took L. P. Matthews, twenty-year-old railroad mail clerk, from his home here last night, blindfolded him, drove several miles out of town and returned soon after, dumping Matthews into the street with a coat of tar and feathers.

Matthews, with several other persons, was arrested last Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct.